

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CARACA 02938 152117Z

67

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 ERDA-07 AID-05 CEA-01 CIEP-02 COME-00 EB-07

FPC-01 INT-05 OMB-01 SAM-01 OES-05 STR-04 TRSE-00

FEA-01 SCCT-01 SY-05 /125 W  
----- 019627

R 151620Z MAR 76

FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2366  
INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
AMEMBASSY LA PAZ  
AMEMBASSY LISBON  
AMEMBASSY MADRID  
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

UNCLAS CARACAS 2938

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: FOREIGN POLICY PORTION OF PRESIDENT PEREZ'S ANNUAL  
MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

1. IN THE COURSE OF HIS TWO AND ONE HALF HOUR SPEECH TO THE  
VENEZUELAN CONGRESS ON MARCH 12, WHICH WAS DEVOTED MOSTLY TO  
ECONOMIC MATTERS (REPORTED SEPARATELY), PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES  
PEREZ EMPHASIZED VENEZUELA'S INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AND  
SPOKE OF ITS "CLEAR LATIN AMERICAN ALIGNMENT, ITS SOLIDARITY  
WITH THE THIRD WORLD AND THE DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLI-  
DARITY WHICH INSPIRES IT." THE HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT PEREZ'S  
REMARKS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS DURING THE COURSE OF HIS SPEECH  
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CARACA 02938 152117Z

--U.S. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE GAVE VENEZUELA THE

OPPORTUNITY TO AFFIRM ITS "INDEPENDENT POSITION." PEREZ ALSO FAVORABLY REFERRED TO THE US. BICENTENNIAL.

--CUBA. WITHOUT MENTIONING CUBA BY NAME, PEREZ EXPRESSED "ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO ANY HEMISPHERE COUNTRY INTERVENING NOT ONLY IN THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF THE AREA BUT ALSO IN "EXTRA-CONTINENTAL CONTROVERSIES."

--DISARMAMENT. VENEZUELA EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS, ESPECIALLY NUCLEARIZATION. MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IS REQUIRED.

--CIEC. "VENEZUELA IS PLAYING THE HONORABLE ROLE OF SPOKESMAN OF THE THIRD WORLD." PEREZ WARNED THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT CONTINUE BLAMING PETROLEUM FOR CAUSING THE PRESENT WORLD ECONOMIC DISEQUILIBRIUM.

--GUYANA. PEREZ WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH GUYANA AND THAT THE GOV "HAS RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION THE STATEMENT SENT VENEZUELA BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GUYANA THAT GUYANA WILL NOT BE A FACTOR OF DISCORD ON THE CONTINENT, NOR A CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS."

--COLOMBIA. THE BEST RELATIONS EXIST WITH THAT COUNTRY AND EFFORTS CONTINUE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE DIFERENDO. BUT VENEZUELA WOULD NEVER ACCEPT A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD AFFECT IT ADVERSELY AND WITHOUT "CLEAR AND COMPLETE NATIONAL UNDERSTANDING." OF THE DECISION.

--BOLIVIA. PEREZ BRIEFLY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ITS ASPIRATION FOR ACCESS TO THE SEA.

--PANAMA. PEREZ EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THAT COUNTRY, WHOSE DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID, IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF THE HEMISPHERE. PEREZ ALSO REPUDIATED THIS COLONIAL INCLAVE IN THE HEART OF A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY."

--SPAIN AND PORTUGAL. PEREZ NOTED VENEZUELA'S "SYMPATHY" FOR THE "DEVELOPMENT AND STABILIZING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRECESS" IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 CARACA 02938 152117Z

--CANADA. PEREZ WELCOMES CANADA'S "INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTINENT."

--TERRORISM. LIKE DRUGS, STATED PEREZ, TERRORISM REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. HE REFERRED TO THE INITIATIVE FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT TAKEN BY HIM AND THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA, WHICH, HE SAID, IS BEING PURSUED THROUGH THE "CORRESPONDING CHANNELS."

--INTERNATIONAL CORRUPTION. PEREZ ASKED THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS "TO TAKE A COHERENT AND DEFINED POSITION SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE WITH THE GOVERNMENTS AND ATTITUDE AND A RESPONSE... IT IS NECESSARY TO RESPOND WITH SOMETHING MORE SUBSTANTIVE SUCH AS, AMONG OTHER POSSIBILITIES, THE APPLICATION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES."

--SELA. PEREZ REITERATED VENEZUELAN SUPPORT FOR THIS ORGANIZATION AND SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO IT WAS "IMPORTANT" AND A "FAVORABLE CHANGE."

--AFRICA AND ASIA. PEREZ SAID THE GOV WOULD PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON INTENSIFYING RELATIONS WITH THESE AREAS.  
SHLAUDEMAM

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SPEECHES, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, CENTRAL LEGISLATURE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 15 MAR 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976CARACA02938  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760097-1126  
**From:** CARACAS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760361/aaaacbv.tel  
**Line Count:** 131  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ellisoob  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 12 JUL 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <12 JUL 2004 by vandyk>; APPROVED <20 JUL 2004 by ellisoob>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** FOREIGN POLICY PORTION OF PRESIDENT PEREZ'S ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS  
**TAGS:** PFOR, VE, (PEREZ, CARLOS ANDRES)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006